I think it is absolutely ridiculous that they would try and limit XM Radio from being able to bring traffic, weather, and anything else for that matter. Satellite Radio Customers pay for ability to listen to the service, where normal radio listens don't have to pay anything. It sounds like the NAB is worried that their lazy asses might lose some listeners, and money out of their pockets. Well BOOHOO. Tell them to cry to someone else. Consumers have the ability to choose which they want to listen to, whether it be AM or FM or whether it be satellite radio. Somewhere down the line they missed the fact that there is competition in business and that to compete and survive you must be willing to change and make your product better. Radio has refused to do any of this. Sound quality from radio is absolutely terrible, where satellite radio is crystal clear. There will be times that someone would want to listen to the whether on AM/FM and not be able to because it will be staticy or won't even pick up the station. Having crystal clear sound at all times on satellite is what people want, and if they want to get their weather reports, their sports scores, or anything else from another source than AM/FM then so be it. The NAB as far as I am concerned can either buck up and accept that Satellite Radio is here, they spend lots and lots of money to bring things to people, and people should be able to have the choice of what they want to listen to. I hope that satellite radio can continue to grow and bring wonderful things to their programming, such as weather, news, and sports. The NAB is losing ground and doesn't know what to do, so they whip out the old CRY BABY card in hopes of some help. Well I hope that you can see past this nonsense and let satellite radio continue to function and grow with new and exciting programs. Don't let any rights be violated by some fat radio guys that don't want to do anything to change their product to make it better or compete. I trust you will do the right thing. Thanks for your time.
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